

REMARKS

1 Claims 1-10 have been presented for examination in the
2 above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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4 Claims 1, 2, 4-5 and 7-10 have been rejected in the
5 Office Action dated June 14, 2007.

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7 Claims 3 and 6 have been objected to in the Office
8 Action dated June 14, 2007.

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10 Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been amended by this Amendment
11 A.

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13 Claims 2, 3, 6, and 10 have been cancelled.

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15 Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9 are still in the application and
16 reconsideration of the Application is hereby respectfully
17 requested.

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19 Referring to Paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Claims
20 4 and 7 have been objected to because of informalities
21 kindly pointed out by Examiner. The cited informalities
22 have been corrected by amendment in this Amendment A.
23 Therefore, objection to the Claims 4 and 7 has been
24 answered by amendment.

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26 Referring to Paragraphs 2 and 3, Claims 1-2 and 4 have
27 been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated

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2 et al. Referring to paragraph 4, Claims 5, and 7-10 have
3 been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated
4 by US 2004/0078690 A1 issued in the name of Kohashi et al.

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6 Referring to Paragraph 5 of the Office Action, Claims
7 3 and 6 were objected to as dependent on a rejected Claim,
8 but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form
9 including all the limitations of the base Claim and any
10 intervening Claim. By the present Amendment A, Claim 1, as
11 amended, now includes the limitations of Claims 1, 2, and
12 3. Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of
13 Claim 6. It is therefore believed that Claims 1 and 5 are
14 now in condition for allowance.

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16 In addition, Claims 4, 7 and 8 now depend from Claims
17 1 and 5, Claims now believed to be in condition for
18 allowance.

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20 Claim 9 has been extensively amended and is now
21 believed to include the limitations similar to those in
22 Claims 1 and 5. Therefore, it is believed that Claim 9 is
23 also in condition for allowance.

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25 Consequently, it is believed that Claims 1, 4, 5, and
26 7-9 are now in condition for allowance.

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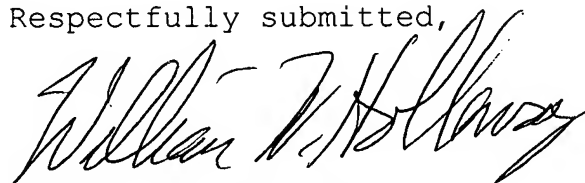
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CONCLUSION

1 In view of the foregoing discussion and the foregoing
2 amendments, it is believed that Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-9 are
3 now in condition for allowance and allowance of Claims 1,
4 4, 5, and 7-9 is respectfully requested. Applicant(s)
5 hereby respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance
6 be issued for this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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